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KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

TOPEKA, KS, January 29, 2016 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Kansas on January 1, 2016 totaled 65,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 44,000 head, unchanged from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 36,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 21,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. A total of 3,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 18,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 9,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 2,000 were 65-84 pounds; 2,500 were 85-105 pounds; 4,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2015 lamb crop totaled 43,000 head, down from 44,000 in 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 119 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 113 per 100 ewes in 2014.

Shorn wool production during 2015 was 275,000 pounds, up 35,000 pounds from 2014. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 42,000 head, up 3,000 head from 2014. The average price paid for wool sold in 2015 was \$0.87 per pound, compared with \$0.95 in 2014. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was \$239,000 in 2015.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2016, totaled 43,000 head, up from last year's 40,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,200 head, unchanged from last year.

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